

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Trinh *et al.***

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Acid Molecule Using a Ribonuclease**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 9, 2009

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the following response to the Office Action for the above-referenced application dated January 9, 2009 ("Action"). Reconsideration of the specification and pending claims is respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Amendments and Remarks are provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided with this electronic filing. However, if additional fees are due (including fees for net addition of claims), or if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fees that are required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3994.